

Board Candidate Bios.

Leandro Freitas is originally from São Paulo, Brazil. He moved to New Orleans in 2017. At the time, he was still working for a private University in Brazil as Marketing Manager, a position he held from 2008 to 2018. As Marketing Manager, he led a team that included the webmaster, social media manager, content creator, event's organizers, art director and graphic designer. In 2008, he was invited to join the Belas Artes Museum Board. As a member of the board, he was in charge of analyzing exhibition proposals as well as sponsorship opportunities, managing the yearly calendar of exhibitions and selecting curators. He was also the liaison between the museum and the Brazilian Contemporary Arts Institute. Before joining the University, he worked for the Bureau Export de la Musique Française/French Consulate in São Paulo. He has a BA in Communications from the University of São Paulo and speaks Portuguese (native), English (fluent), French (advanced) and Italian (basic). He is currently learning Japanese. In 2019, he joined the New Orleans office of the law firm Peiffer Wolf Carr Kane & Conway, where he is currently the Marketing Manager.

Cassandra Sanchez is a Speech Language Pathologist with eleven years of experience working with pediatric patients in a variety of settings including private practice and K-12 schools. She specializes as a Bilingual Clinical Specialist with an emphasis in the evaluation of and advocacy for culturally and linguistically diverse special education students. As a southern border Texas native, Cassandra enjoys seeking out Tex-Mex food with her 6-year-old son and sitting with a good book by any body of water. In collaboration with other professionals, she hopes to utilize her skills to bring about equity, innovation, and compassion to the educational landscape in New Orleans.

Khrista McCarden is the Hoffman Fuller Associate Professor of Tax Law at Tulane University Law School. Her areas of expertise include nonprofits, impact investing, international tax, and regulations. She has research and published on private operation foundation reform, charitable deductions and impact investing. She has presented nationally and abroad on a wide range of tax law areas and holds several leadership positions in her field such as with the Louisiana State Law Institute and the AALS Section on Nonprofit and Philanthropy Law. She is a member of the California Bar and the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society. She graduated from Harvard with a Bachelor's degree in English and earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Stephen Thomas Sewell is a project manager professional with an expertise in property and casualty license. He holds an MBA from Louisiana State University and a BSc. in Business Management and Leadership Development. He has worked on large federal and local projects, and non-profit and corporate projects overseeing risk, workflow, planning, implementation and mitigation strategies for organizations. He has consulted for several boards and senior management on project review and implementation. He has worked on contracts in excess of one-million providing cost-saving analysis and coordinating stakeholder coordination. He has served on a number of community volunteer positions ranging from the Young Leadership

Council and the New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation. He completed the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools fellowship program.